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31 August 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

OX CART mission BX6718 was flown on 31 August 1967 against targets of interest in North Vietnam. This was the ninth successful BLACK SHIELD mission to date.

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The aircraft departed Kadena AB at 0240Z and accomplished two runs over North Vietnam and one over the DMZ. The mission duration was 5+12 hours. Recovery to Kadena AB was normal. Pilot reports weather was poor on first run and fair on second until ten to twenty miles south of Hanoi. On photo run over the DMZ, areas were visible through cirrus. [REDACTED]

Preliminary reports concerning systems operation and weather indicate we can expect only fair results from mission take. Commander's initial report indicates possible camera malfunction due to failure to transport the required amount of film. The follow-on Commander's report indicates that the camera system failed and apparently did not operate on the second pass.

## ROUTING

	INIT	ACT	INFO
CHIEF	<i>[Signature]</i>		
D/CHIEF	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓
OPS	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓
PLANS	<i>[Signature]</i>		✓
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